

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 21, lines 6-14 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Two distinct small interfering RNA (siRNA) oligonucleotides duplexes (hGST and hGST\*,) which specifically targeted the sequences 5'-AACTTGAAGCTGCCGTGGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO: [[2]] **3**) and 5'-AAGCACGTGGAGGCCGTGGCTTA-3' (SEQ ID NO: [[3]] **4**) within *hsgt* were supplied by Xeragon Inc.. By BLAST analysis, the sequences of these siRNA oligonucleotides were not detected in any other human gene. As negative control, the previously described *gl2*-specific siRNA was used. Transfection was performed using the oligofectamine<sup>TM</sup> Reagent (Invitrogen) following the instruction of the supplier, and silencing efficiency was determined by evaluating the residual amount of hSGT after immunoblotting.